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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. WE TALKED TO CHARLIE ANGEVINE OF EB AND JOE STEPHENSON OF FAS ON YOUR QUERY. STEPHENSON SAYS POLEZHAYEV IS A FAIRLY TOUGH NEGOTIATOR. POLEZHAYEV HEADED THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING IN ABIDJAN IN 1975. THE EXPERTS BELIEVE THE BASIC SOVIET POSITION ON AN INTERNATIONAL COTTON AGREEMENT OR SOME OTHER FORM OF MARKET STABILIZATION IN NEGATIVE, BUT THEY WILL AVOID BEING CLEARLY FOR OR AGAINST THIS IDEA IN ORDER TO PLACATE THE LDC'S. ANYTHING YOU CAN GET WHICH SMOKES THEM OUT ON THIS ISSUE WILL BE USEFUL. APPARENTLY THE SOVIETS DON'T LIKE THE ICAC VERY MUCH (THE FACT THAT THE ICAC MEETS THIS YEAR IN SEOUL AND THE SOVIETS THEREFORE WON'T ATTEND CONTRIBUTES TO THEIR DISENCHANTMENT) AND THEY PROBABLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE UNCTAD BUILT UP AS THE MAIN
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INTERNATIONAL BODY FOR COTTON. THE US, BY THE WAY, IS OPPOSED TO ANY MARKET STABILIZATION IDEAS OR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS. THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ICAC AND OTHER CONTACTS THE SOVIETS ARE QUITE FAMILIAR WITH OUR POSITION, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND MUCH TIME ON THAT. WE UNDERSTAND AN UNCTAD COTTON TEAM IS DUE IN MOSCOW (THEY WERE HERE LAST WEEK) BEFORE JUNE 20.

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2. ON HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOVIET CTB/NON-PROLIFERATION WORKING GROUP DELEGATION, EARLY THINKING WAS FOR SOVIETS TO PAY. HOWEVER, NSC HAS SUBSEQUENTLY ASKED STATE TO PAY AND PM IS TRYING TO COME UP WITH FUNDS.

3. WE HAVE RESERVED AN EFFICIENCY (AT 27 DOLLARS PER DAY) FOR KEN SKOUG AT RIVERSIDE TOWERS APARTMENT HOTEL, 2201 VIRGINIA AVENUE, JUNE 5 THROUGH 10. SUGGEST HE CALL BILL EDGAR AT HOME (333-4966) UPON ARRIVAL.
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